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## Why Is MADCA Important?

The Michigan Animal Damage Control Association (MADCA) is an organization of Wildlife Control Operators (WCOs) and other interested individuals involved in the field of wildlife damage management.

MADCA was formed in 1995 by a group of private WCOs concerned about the willful misrepresentation, professional acceptance, and lack of public understanding of the wildlife damage management industry in the State of Michigan.

As the Animal Damage Control (ADC) industry continues to grow, it is important for operators in Michigan to have a resource for useful information and a way to network with one another. This will allow us to stay informed on the latest control techniques, as well as any changes in state rules and regulations. Being a member of MADCA is an excellent way to build relationships amongst ourselves and with vendors, government officials and other important organizations. MADCA membership is open to anyone who posses a Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit and it includes a quarterly newsletter and an opportunity to attend our yearly seminar. We strongly encourage WCO's to not only join MADCA, but to get involved in the organization by writing articles for the newsletter, forming committees, running for Board positions or even giving a presentation at our seminar.

As a grass roots organization we are only as strong as our members. Please take a moment to fill out the attached membership form and send it in with your dues, so you can take advantage of the benefits of belonging to the only association in the State of Michigan that is dedicated to the field of animal damage control. It doesn't matter if you're a big company, a one man operation, a part timer, a property manager or a municipal employee, if you perform ADC work in Michigan than MADCA has something to offer you.



# MADCA NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone who attended our cook-out at Bishop Lake on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The weather was great and we all had a wonderful time. A special thanks to Kevin Breuker from Residex for bringing his family and spending the day with us.

This years MADCA Seminar will be held on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Kellogg Center in Lansing. We have some very good speakers lined up for this year including representatives from the Michigan DNR, USDA Wildlife Services, Michigan Dept of Agriculture, Residex and more. We are always open to new ideas for speakers, so if you know of somebody that would be a good fit or if you would like to give a presentation please let us know.

We will be holding an election for President and Editor at this years meeting. We also need to fill the Secretary position for the rest of the term (1 year). If any current members would like to run for a Board position please let us know before the Seminar so we can get you on the ballot. MADCA plays an important role in the ADC industry in Michigan. We encourage our members to take part in the decisions that will shape our future.

Please take a moment to fill out the membership form and return it with your dues. If you're new to MADCA then welcome. If you're renewing your membership then welcome back. I hope you all had a great Christmas and that everyone has a safe and prosperous New Year.

Joe Miley  
MADCA President

## January 2015 FROM THE EDITOR:

As our new year gets started, we can prepare for continuing education sponsored by MADCA, on Friday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at the Kellogg center in Lansing. This will be a day of learning and sharing knowledge of the nuisance wildlife control industry.

Mark your calendar and we look forward to seeing you!

Kerry Streng  
Editor

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 1-1-15, the MADCA finances are in order. I am in the process of looking for donations for our raffle at the upcoming Spring Seminar. If any members have items to donate, or have customers or suppliers that they can collect donations from, please let me know. It's also election time, please consider helping our association and becoming a board member.

Robert W. Nesbit  
Treasurer



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## ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

I hope to see you all at our Annual Training Seminar on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a day to learn and gain continuing education.

If you would like to be a MADCA Certified Wildlife Control Operator, the exam will be offered at the end of the day.

Rodney Wiley  
Vice President